

April 23, 2008

Honorable Spencer Bachus Ranking Member Committee on Financial Services U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman:

As you requested, the Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed estimate of the direct spending costs and revenue effects of enacting the Homeownership Protection and Housing Market Stabilization Act of 2008, provided to CBO by your staff on April 21, 2008. CBO has not estimated the discretionary costs that would result from implementing this legislation.

The proposal contains several provisions that would affect the Federal Housing Administration, veterans' housing benefits, government-sponsored enterprises, and other housing-related programs. CBO estimates that enacting this legislation would increase revenues by \$1.23 billion and direct spending by \$1.21 billion over the 2008-2018 period. The additional revenues would exceed the new direct spending by an estimated \$25 million over that period, thus decreasing the deficit (or increasing the surplus) by that amount over the next 10 years.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Daniel Hoople.

Sincerely,

Peter R. Orszag

Enclosure

cc: Honorable Barney Frank

Chairman

ESTIMATED BUDGETARY IMPACT OF THE HOMEOWNERSHIP PROTECTION AND HOUSING MARKET STABILIZATION ACT OF 2008 (Based on F:\JMW\FS110\ALT_003.XML received April 21, 2008)

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars												
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2008- 2013	2008- 2018
	CHANGES IN REVENUES												
FHFA Fees	0	75	100	110	110	110	110	120	120	120	120	505	1,095
NMLSR Assessments	<u>0</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>137</u>
Total Estimated Revenues	0	90	115	124	124	124	123	133	133	133	133	577	1,232
	CHANGES IN DIRECT SPENDING												
Spending of FHFA Fees Budget Authority Estimated Outlays	0	75 75	100 100	110 110	110 110	110 110	110 110	120 120	120 120	120 120	120 120	505 505	1,095 1,095
Spending of NMLSR Assessments Estimated Budget Authority Estimated Outlays	0	15 15	15 15	14 12	14 12	14 11	13 11	13 11	13 11	13 11	13 11	72 65	137 120
HECM Loan Insurance Program Estimated Budget Authority Estimated Outlays	-7 -7	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0	-7 -7	-7 -7
Temporary Increase in Loan Guarantee Amount for Veteran Housing Loans Estimated Budget Authority Estimated Outlays	-1 -1	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1 -1	-1 -1
Total Changes Estimated Budget Authority Estimated Outlays	-8 -8	90 90	115 115	124 122	124 122	124 121	123 121	133 131	133 131	133 131	133 131	569 562	1,224 1,207
	NET CHANGE IN THE BUDGET DEFICIT OR SURPLUS FROM CHANGES IN REVENUES AND DIRECT SPENDING												
Impact on Deficit/Surplus ^a	8	0	0	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	15	25

Notes: * = less than \$500,000; FHFA = Federal Housing Finance Agency; NMLSR = Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry; HECM = Home Equity Conversion Mortgage.

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

Source: Congressional Budget Office.

a. Positive number indicate decreases in deficits (or increases in surpluses); negative numbers indicate increases in deficits (or decreases in surpluses).